

Percentage of births to unmarried women, 1998-99 average and 2000-2001 average, and percentage change in the percentage of births to unmarried women, 1998-99 to 2000-2001, and rank order of States with respect to their change (in order of largest decline to largest increase) and rank order of territories (ranked separately from States)

State	Percent unmarried 2000-2001	Percent unmarried 1998-99	Percent change in percent unmarried 1998-99 to 2000-2001	State	Rank	Rank order of States by largest decline in percent unmarried, 1998-99 to 2000-2001 State	Percent change
United States 1	33.350%	32.921%	1.303%	United States 1		United States 1	1.303%
Alabama	34.321%	33.689%	1.876%	Alabama	1	District of Columbia	-5.518%
Alaska	32.898%	32.144%	2.346%	Alaska	2	Colorado	-1.992%
Arizona	39.358%	38.569%	2.046%	Arizona	3	Texas	-1.874%
Arkansas	35.923%	35.116%	2.298%	Arkansas	4	Maryland	-0.269%
California	32.727%	32.806%	-0.241%	California	5	Wyoming	-0.253%
Colorado	24.992%	25.500%	-1.992%	Colorado	6	California	-0.241%
Connecticut	29.208%	28.935%	0.943%	Connecticut	7	Idaho	-0.101%
Delaware	38.913%	37.974%	2.473%	Delaware		West Virginia	0.062%
District of Columbia	58.871%	62.309%	-5.518%	District of Columbia		Oregon	0.562%
Florida	38.615%	37.042%	4.247%	Florida		Michigan	0.845%
Georgia	37.154%	36.372%	2.150%	Georgia		Connecticut	0.943%
Hawaii	32.608%	32.168%	1.368%	Hawaii		Tennessee	0.986%
Idaho	21.798%	21.820%	-0.101%	Idaho		New Hampshire	1.018%
Illinois	34.490%	34.087%	1.182%	Illinois		Mississippi	1.027%
Indiana	35.074%	34.001%	3.156%	Indiana		New York	1.099%
Iowa	28.378%	27.372%	3.675%	Iowa		Pennsylvania	1.119%
Kansas	29.445%	28.186%	4.467%	Kansas		Illinois	1.182%
Kentucky	31.344%	30.228%	3.692%	Kentucky		Virginia	1.204%
Louisiana	45.964%	44.880%	2.415%	Louisiana		Massachusetts	1.213%
Maine	31.398%	30.923%	1.536%	Maine		Minnesota	1.242%
Maryland	34.517%	34.610%	-0.269%	Maryland		Hawaii	1.368%
Massachusetts	26.612%	26.293%	1.213%	Massachusetts		Maine	1.536%
Michigan	33.790%	33.507%	0.845%	Michigan		Missouri	1.698%
Minnesota	26.079%	25.759%	1.242%	Minnesota		Washington	1.795%
Mississippi	46.144%	45.675%	1.027%	Mississippi		Alabama	1.876%
Missouri	34.669%	34.090%	1.698%	Missouri		Arizona	2.046%
Montana	31.094%	29.944%	3.841%	Montana		Georgia	2.150%
Nebraska	27.417%	26.030%	5.328%	Nebraska		Arkansas	2.298%
Nevada	36.797%	35.335%	4.138%	Nevada		Alaska	2.346%
New Hampshire	24.415%	24.169%	1.018%	New Hampshire		New Jersey	2.374%
New Jersey	29.068%	28.394%	2.374%	New Jersey		Louisiana	2.415%
New Mexico	45.911%	44.589%	2.965%	New Mexico		North Carolina	2.418%
New York	36.145%	35.752%	1.099%	New York		Ohio	2.446%
North Carolina	33.806%	33.008%	2.418%	North Carolina		Utah	2.472%
North Dakota	28.095%	27.243%	3.127%	North Dakota		Delaware	2.473%
Ohio	34.882%	34.049%	2.446%	Ohio		South Carolina	2.644%
Oklahoma	34.726%	33.193%	4.618%	Oklahoma		Wisconsin	2.771%
Oregon	30.241%	30.072%	0.562%	Oregon		New Mexico	2.965%
Pennsylvania	33.258%	32.890%	1.119%	Pennsylvania		North Dakota	3.127%
Rhode Island	35.602%	34.092%	4.429%	Rhode Island		Indiana	3.156%
South Carolina	39.943%	38.914%	2.644%	South Carolina		Iowa	3.675%
South Dakota	33.503%	31.924%	4.946%	South Dakota		Kentucky	3.692%
Tennessee	35.124%	34.781%	0.986%	Tennessee		Vermont	3.756%
Texas	30.790%	31.378%	-1.874%	Texas		Montana	3.841%
Utah	17.325%	16.907%	2.472%	Utah		Nevada	4.138%
Vermont	29.527%	28.458%	3.756%	Vermont		Florida	4.247%
Virginia	30.101%	29.743%	1.204%	Virginia		Rhode Island	4.429%
Washington	28.475%	27.973%	1.795%	Washington		Kansas	4.467%
West Virginia	32.078%	32.058%	0.062%	West Virginia		Oklahoma	4.618%
Wisconsin	29.634%	28.835%	2.771%	Wisconsin		South Dakota	4.946%
Wyoming	29.229%	29.303%	-0.253%	Wyoming		Nebraska	5.328%
Puerto Rico	50.379%	47.532%	5.990%	Puerto Rico	1	American Samoa	-8.276%
Virgin Islands	66.749%	68.395%	-2.407%	Virgin Islands	2	Virgin Islands	-2.407%
Guam	55.239%	55.007%	0.422%	Guam		Guam	0.422%
American Samoa	31.985%	34.871%	-8.276%	American Samoa		Puerto Rico	5.990%
Northern Marianas	---	46.500%		Northern Marianas		Northern Marianas	---

---Data not available.

1 Excludes data for the territories.

NOTE: Connecticut data are shown in bold type because the State provided adjusted birth data to account for changes in methodology and procedures for reporting the mother's marital status. Calculations for all other States were done on the basis of data files provided by each State to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS), which has tabulated the entire national birth file by mother's place of residence. A separate table is available from CDC/NCHS for the adjusted birth data for Connecticut.

SOURCE: Prepared in the Division of Vital Statistics, CDC/NCHS, from published birth data and special tabulations provided by Connecticut.